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1. Twenty-four hours before her arrival in Tuapse, a ship reported to the Soviet coastal radio station - call signal UVW - on 500 kilocycles. On being called, the radio station replied without delay; the report was made by using the international code. 25X1
2. Clearing formalities into Tuapse harbor were performed rather perfunctorily and quickly. Only the two radio transmitters and all cameras were sealed; the binoculars and the radar equipment were let free. Shore permits were issued at once. No sentries were posted on the oiling pier, at which the ship was berthed. A barrier, guarded by two soldiers with green service collars, was seen at the base of the pier. Shoregoers simply had to produce their shore permits. The soldiers carried submachine guns, wore long fur coats without epaulets and visored caps with a green ribbon. 25X1
3. there were no restrictions, except that the shoregoers had to be back aboard their ship by 2400. Tuapse mainly consisted of three-storied, plain, wooden houses, and only the main streets were paved. There were only a few shops. In a butcher's shop, only wax dummies. 25X1
4. Only five tank cars and three freight cars were near the harbor. About twenty Moskvich-type sedans, all about two or three years old, were observed. 25X1

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No military automobiles were seen. Most civilians wore quilted jackets and trousers or coats. Only a few wore better clothes. No soldiers with red or black service collars were observed, and the number of soldiers with green service collars seemed to be rather limited. [redacted] encountered no difficulty in exchanging one pair of nylon hose for two bottles of vodka.

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5. The radio station [redacted] in the vicinity of the oiling harbor consisted of two steel lattice masts, about thirty to forty meters high, erected in an easterly-westerly direction and carrying an antenna with two parallel wires extended between them. No particular additional radio equipment was seen.

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small tugboats were available for towing operations.

7. The harbor was ice-free, the average daily temperature being 5° centigrade. No naval vessels and/or aircraft were observed in harbor or at sea during the period. No coastal fortifications were observed on the coast or in the harbor area. No ships were in the shipyard.

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